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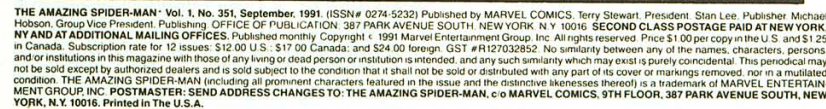
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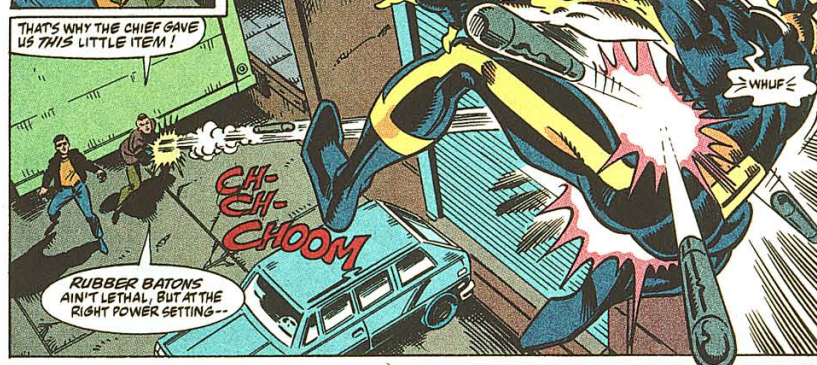
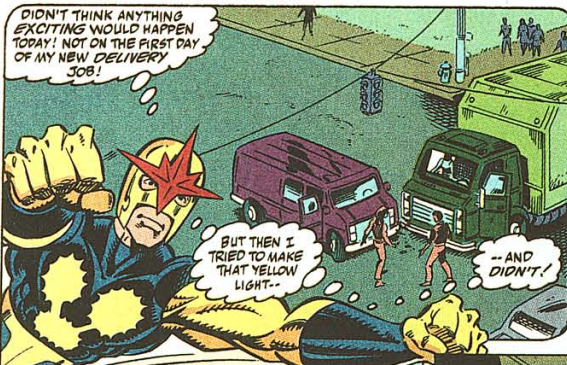
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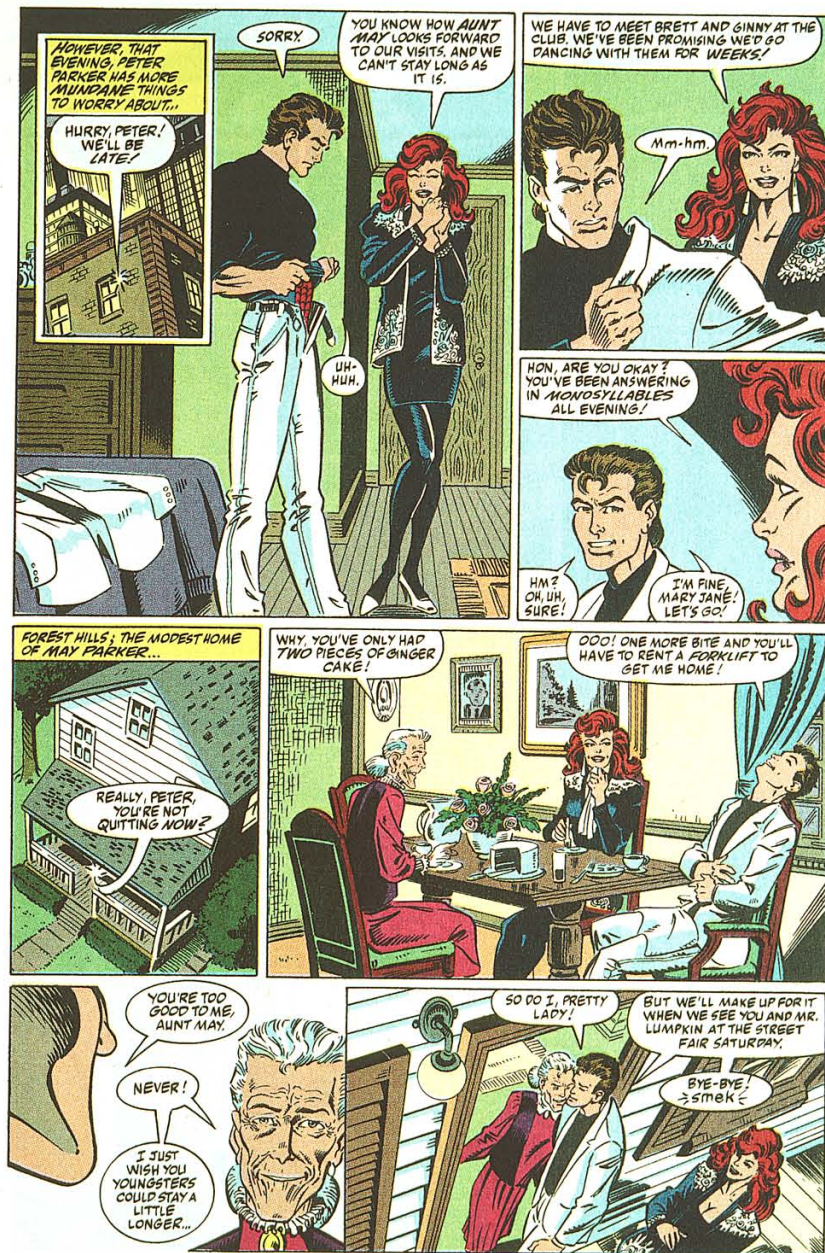
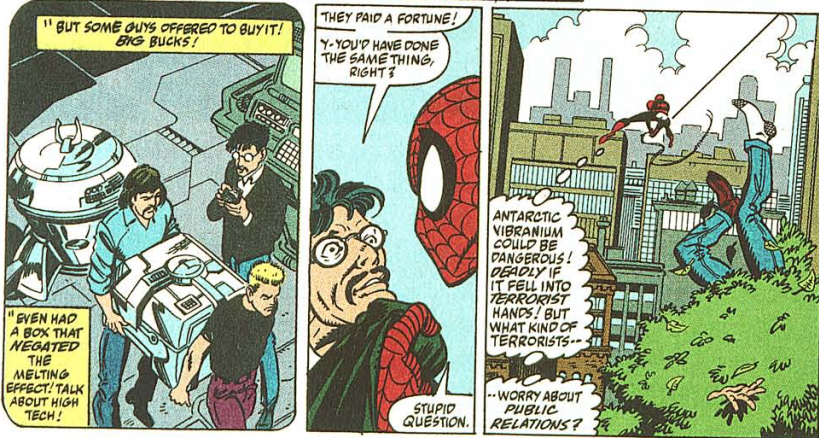
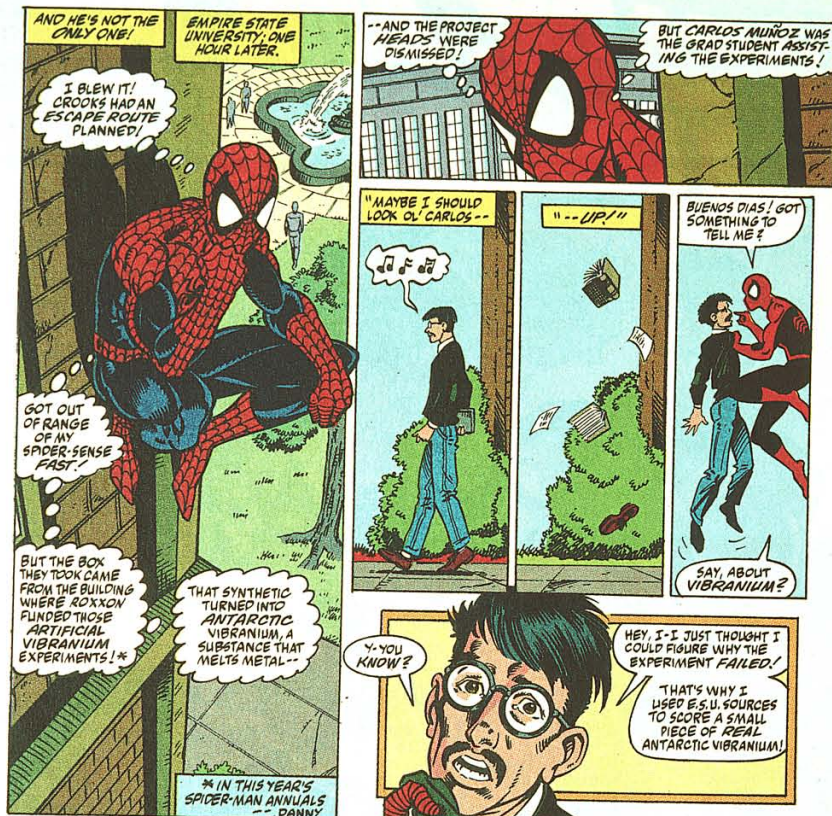
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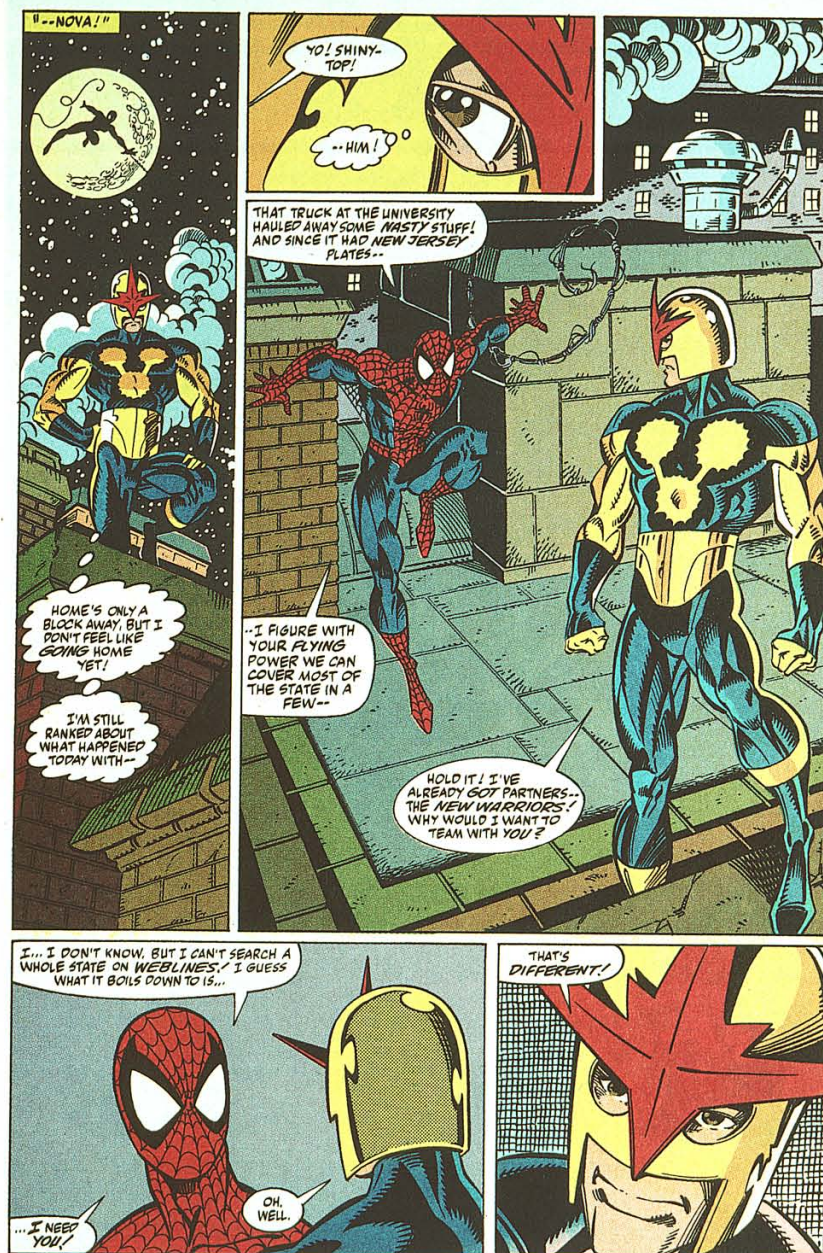
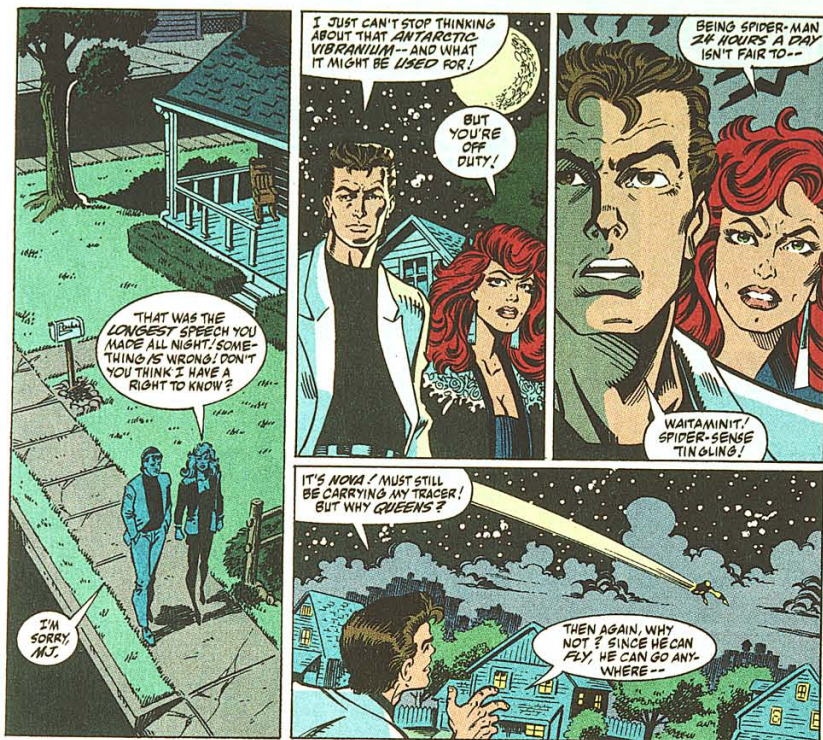
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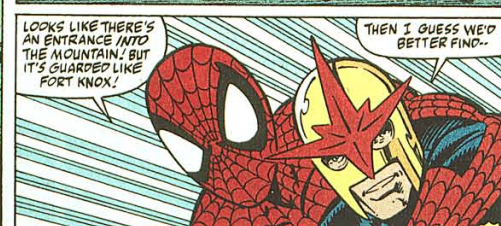
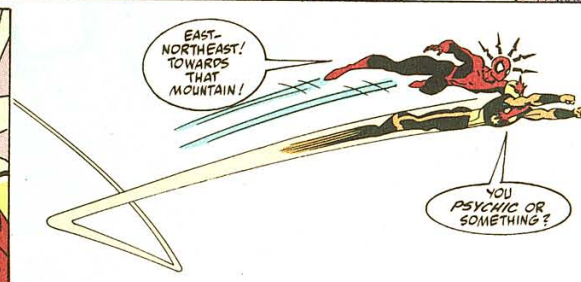
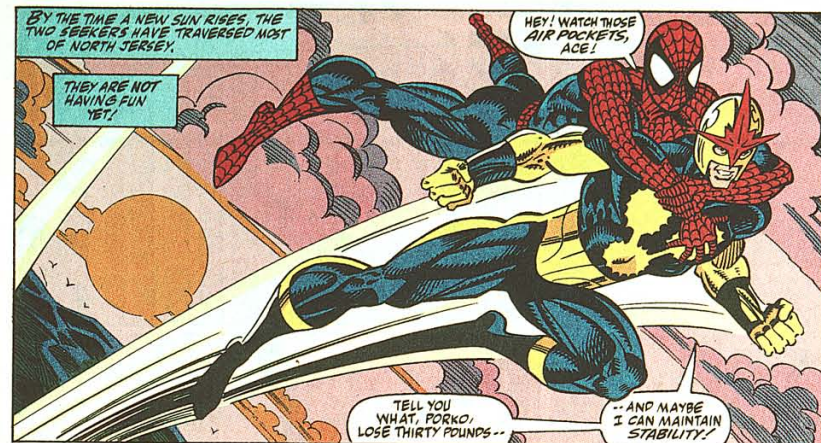


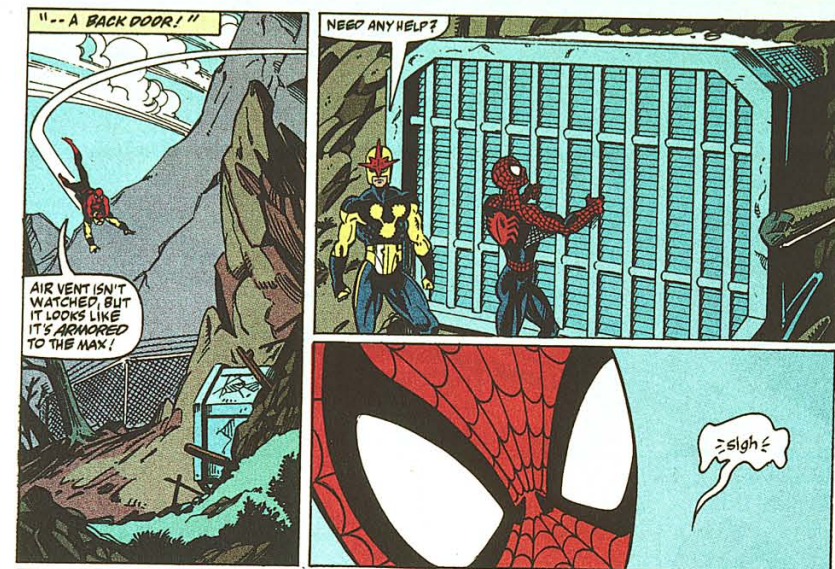
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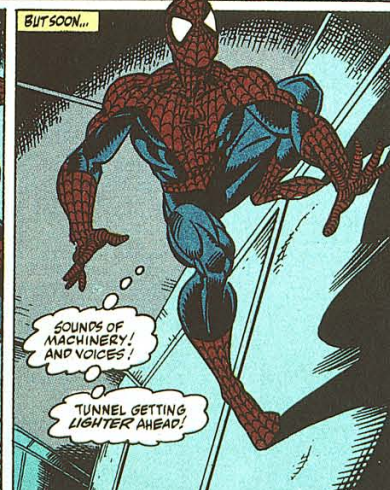
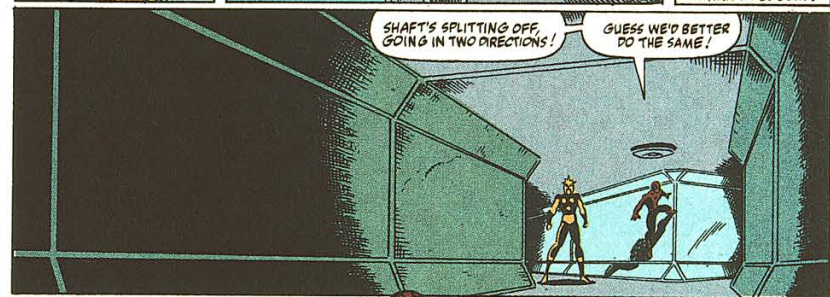
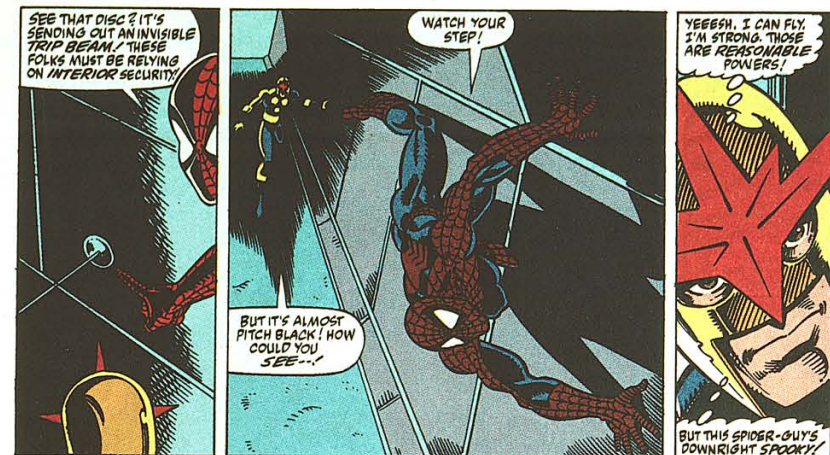
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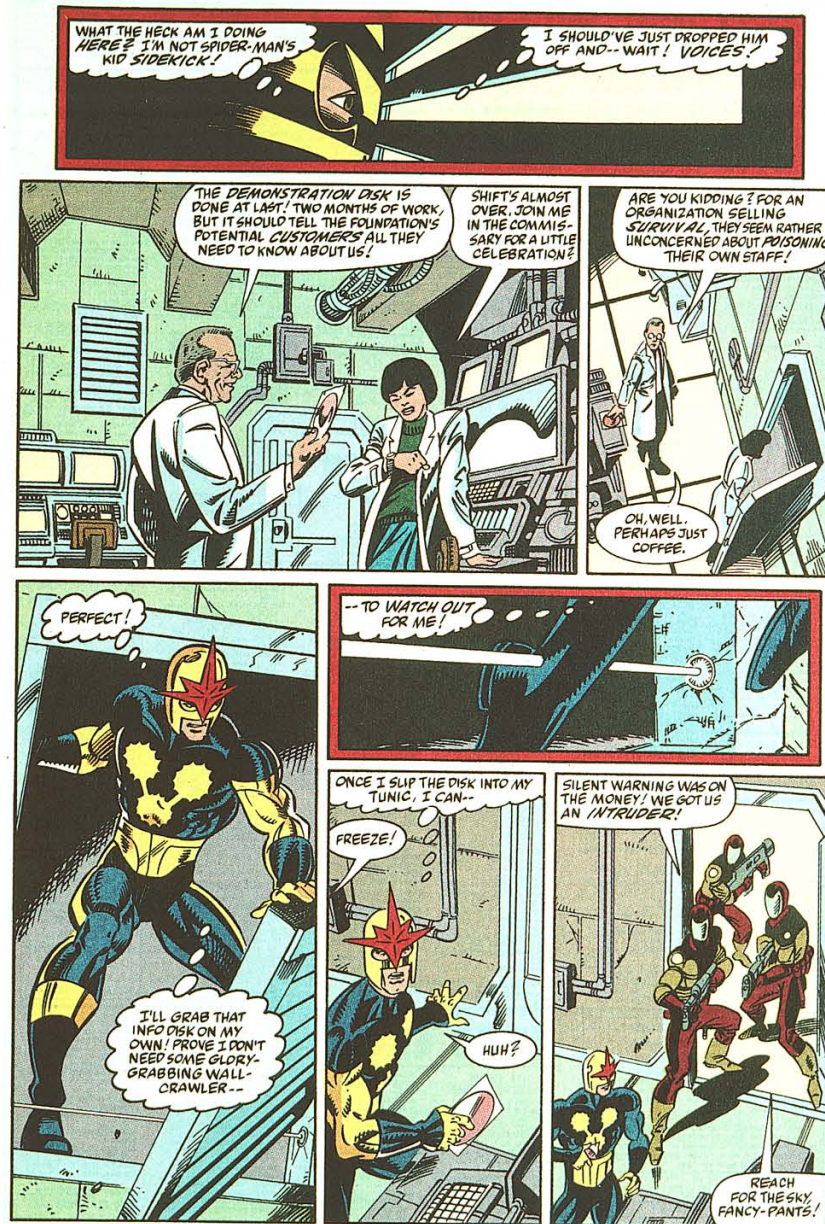
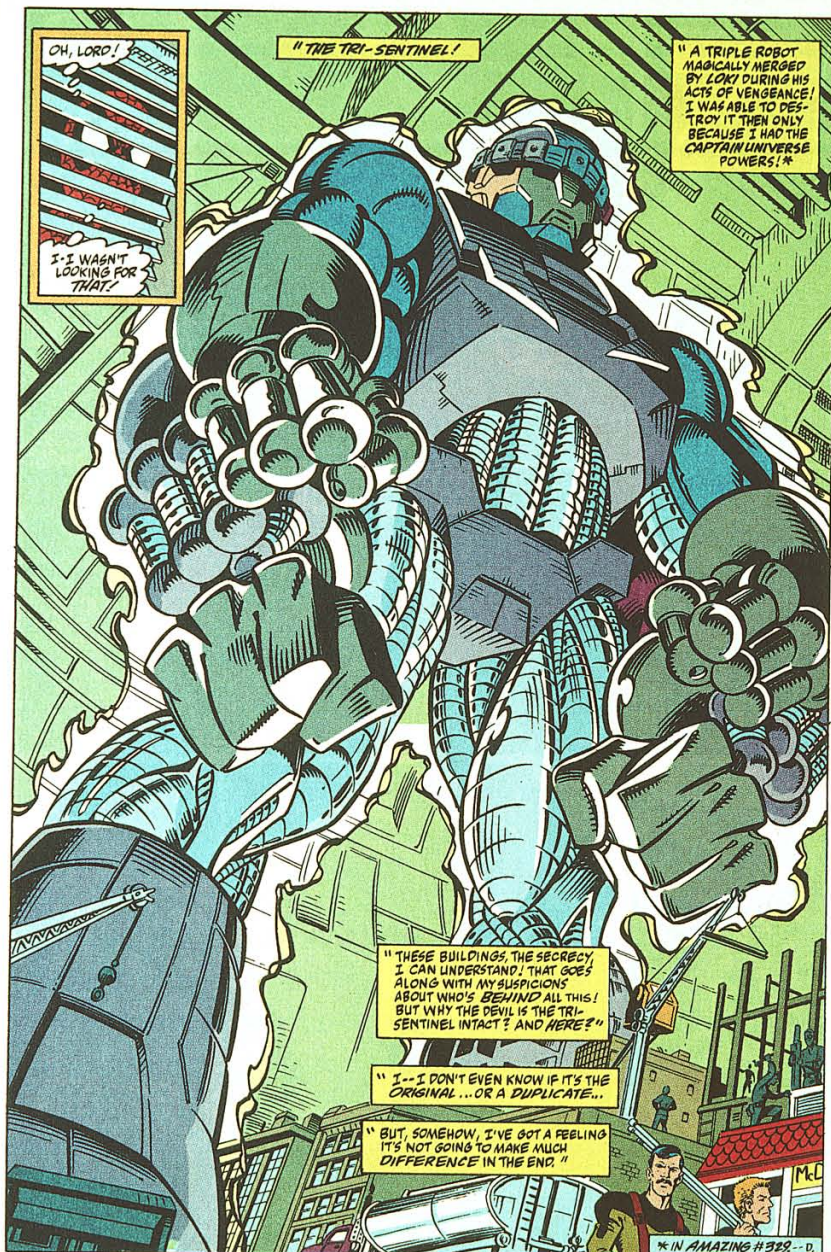


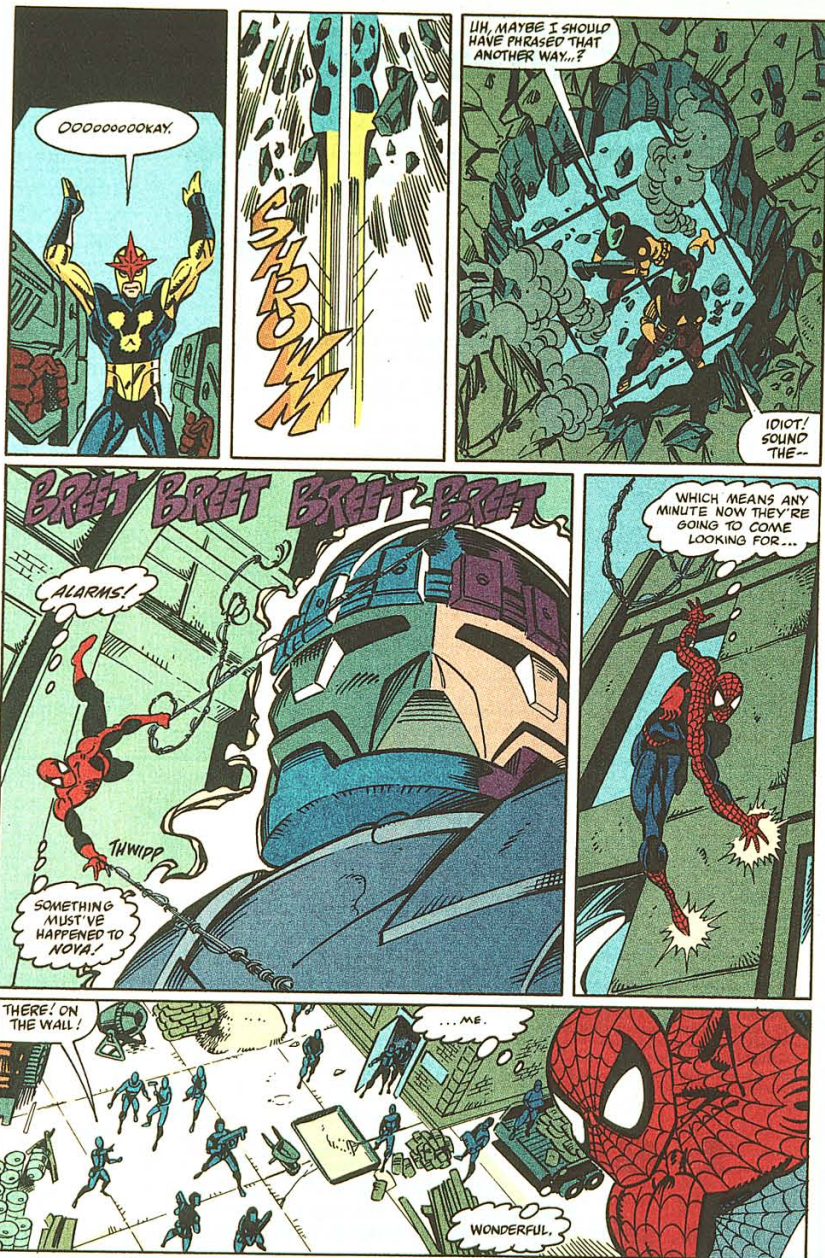


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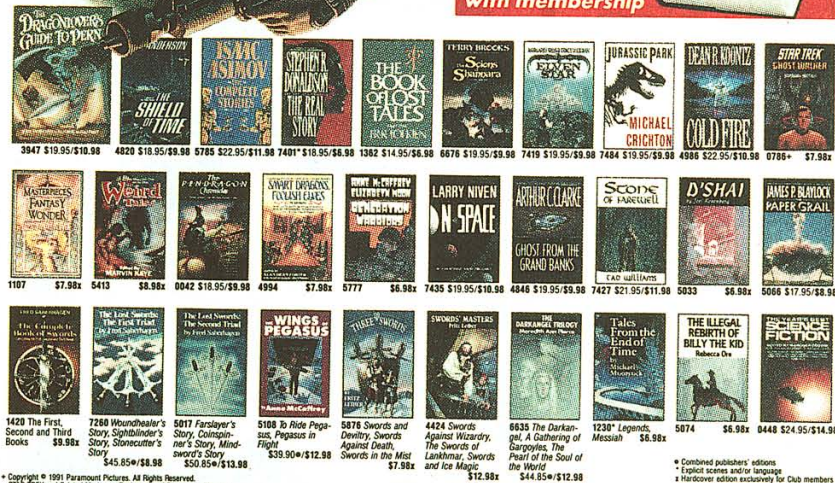


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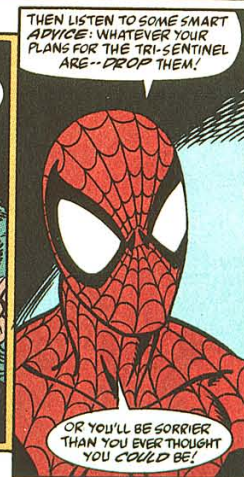
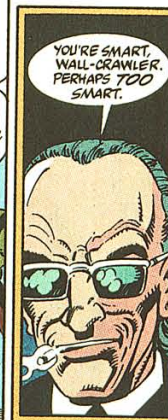
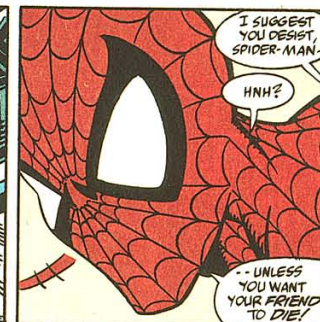
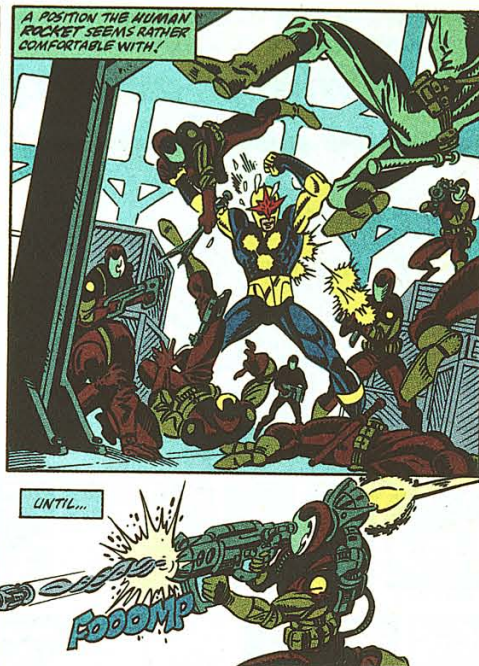
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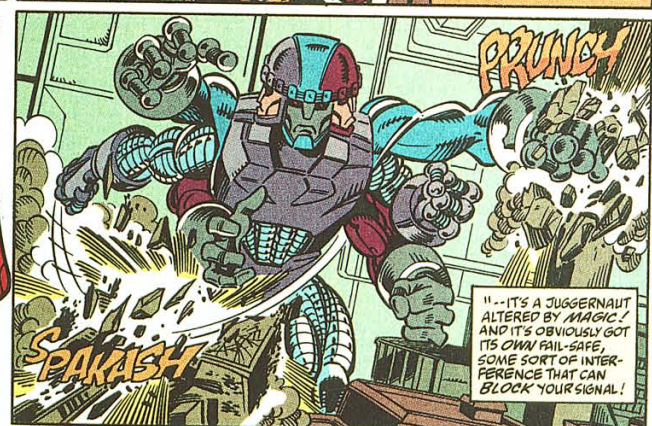
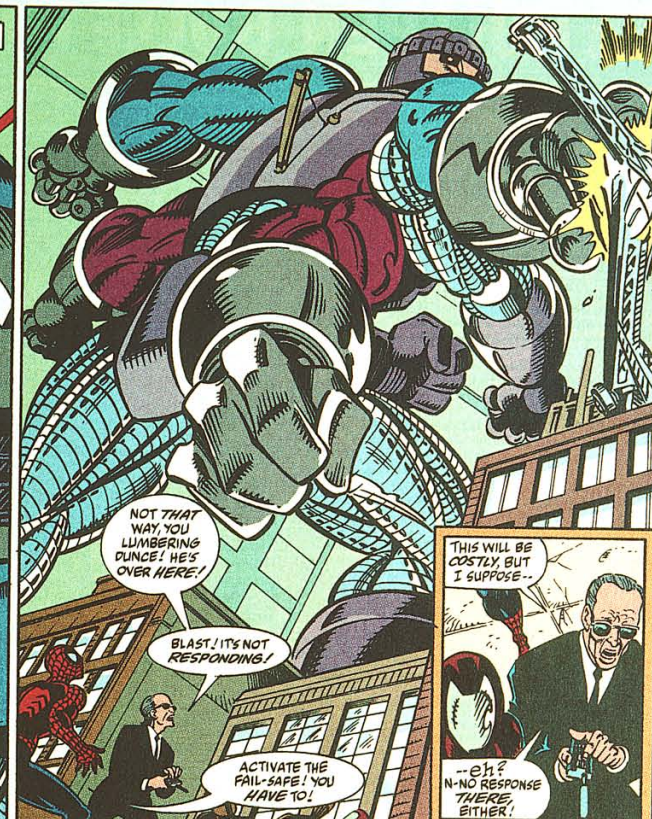
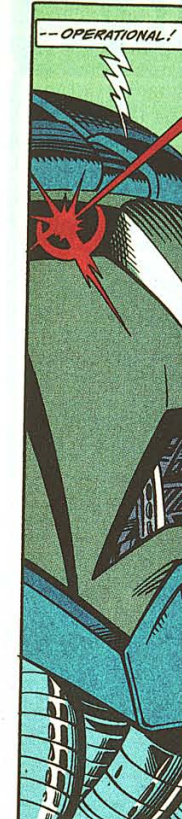
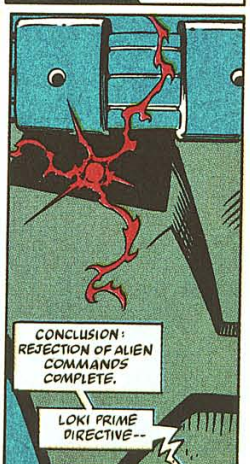
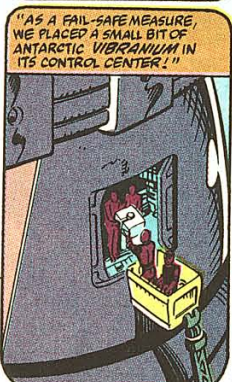
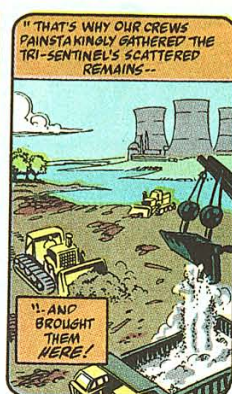
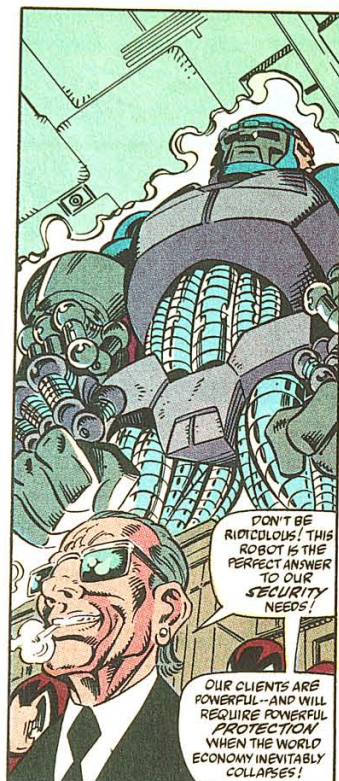
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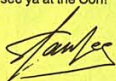
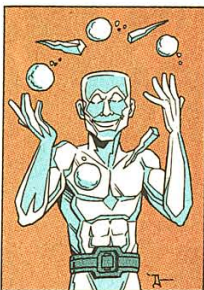
place where you can bid on all sorts of original artwork, attend discussion groups with the pros, snare countless autographs, snap candid photos of the celebs, and generally wallow in a welter of comic book lore!

Let's face it, a good Comic Book Con is super hero heaven—and if this hype doesn't get me a free pass to the next one, I'll return my latest no-prize for a full refund! Come to think of it, maybe I'll devote my next soapbox to expensive sports cars—hey, I'm not so dumb!

But seriously (which is a word I find hard to take seriously), if you've never attended a Comic Book Con you should make a note not to miss the next one that comes

to your town. There are now so many of 'em that they seem to be proliferating like rabbits, so no matter where you live there's a good chance of finding one in your area sooner or later. And, since I attend so many Cons during the year, there's always the possibility of us running into each other—but don't let that discourage you. You can always pretend you don't know me!

So, till Jim Lee admits he's my long-lost grandfather, see ya at the Con! Excelsior!

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July is a mondo-hot month—but you don't need us to tell you that. Just stick your head out the window. Preferably an open one. Now, some may like it hot—Marilyn Monroe, for one, singer Robert Palmer, for another. But here at Marvel, we're trying to forget about the heat. After all, too much heat can make you perspire on your new mint Marvel comics, thus decreasing their value. And we don't want that. Instead of telling you what you already know—that we're pushin' the mercury into the red—we'd rather talk about things that are cool.

After all, a good comic should be cool and refreshing—like a gentle breeze on a warm summer's day...like a guitar riff you can't get out of your head...or like an ice cube dropped down your shirt. At least, that's the idea. We figured what better way to help you cool off than to clue you in on what we, the movers and shakers at the coolest comics company in the U.S., consider the ultimate in cool. (If the items mentioned here do not seem cool to you, you may want to redefine your abstract values.)

COOLEST ACTIVITY FOR MARRIED COUPLES: Having babies. This recreational activity seems quite popular this year, as evidenced by ultra-inker Randy Emberlin and his lovely wife, Judy, who have just had a baby boy, and PUNISHER mega-pencil Hugh Haynes and his lovely wife, Judith, who recently celebrated the arrival of a baby girl.

COOLEST NAME FOR BABY BOYS: Alex.

COOLEST NAME FOR BABY GIRLS: Olivia.

COOLEST BOOK: X-MEN—super-scribe Chris Claremont's second novel, *Grounded*, will be out next month from Ace Books. Chris describes *Grounded* as "hi-tech sf," noting that it's a sequel to his first novel, *First Flight*. A third book in the series is planned. However, with Chris busy scripting two, count 'em, two X-MEN books every month, there's no telling when the third book in the series will be out.

COOLEST FOOD: Cherry Slurpees.

COOLEST SPORT: Wallyball. (It's like volleyball, only with no rules.)

COOLEST COMIC: Gilbert Gottfried. Ha! Fooled you! You thought we were talking about comic books, when actually we were talking about stand-up comics! The ultra-hilarious Gilbert, known for his hosting of the USA Cable Network's *Up All Night*, and movie roles including *Problem Child* and *Beverly Hills Cop 2*, is a big Marvel fan. He recently stopped by the Marvel offices along with his buddy, fellow stand-up comic (and ALPHA FLIGHT's new writer) Scott Lobdell. Gilbert and Scott are working on a story for our Dastardly Competition. Something about the adventures of a boy who could fly, or some such. Comics writing comics...what will they think of next?

COOLEST ISSUE OF MARVEL AGE MAGAZINE: Issue #104, which, by a strange coincidence, is on sale this month. The issue features a cover by ultra-superstar artist Jim Lee, as well as an interview with The-One-Who-Is-Not-Stan's-Son. The cover story this issue? Why, none other than the all-new, all different X-MEN #1, which explodes on the world like a supernova next month, and is sure to be the best-selling comic since the dawn of the Palsolthic Era. Now, any other comic company would give you the Jim Lee interview and stop there. But not us! MARVEL AGE #104 also contains the reprint of the first Marvel mutant story ever published. It's called "The Man Who Could Fly," and it's by a couple of gents named Stan (I am not Jim's Dad) Lee and Steve (I Am Not Related In Any Way To Either Stan Or Jim Lee) Ditko. The story originally appeared in...AMAZING FANTASY #14! (As all true Marveloids know, that's the issue BEFORE the introduction of the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN! Stan and Steve were really on a hot streak there—oops, we promised not to mention heat.)

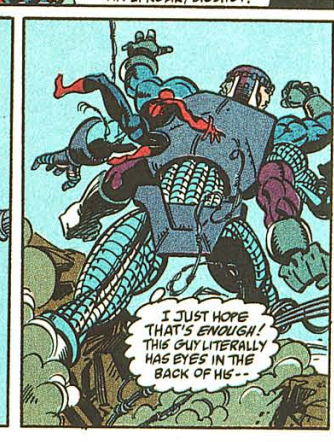
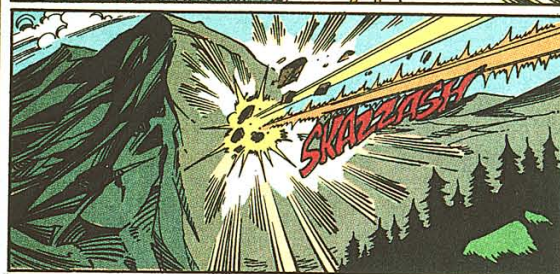
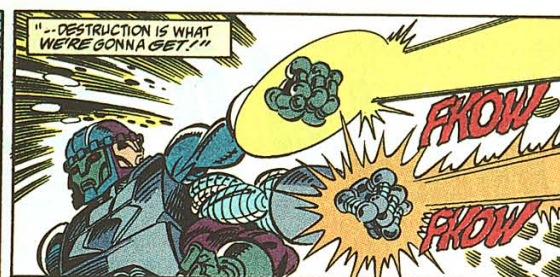
COOLEST SUMMER MOVIES: *Terminator 2: Judgment Day*, and *Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure 2*. By one of those strange, quirky twists of fate, the kind you usually associate with cheap romance novels, we're doing comic adaptations of both those mega-blockbuster-movies, and they're both on sale this month! What are the odds of that happening—we mention something on the Bullpen Page, and it happens to be on sale that same month. Coincidence...or evidence of the supernatural? We can't say for sure, but there are a few oddsmakers in Vegas who are placing bets against that kind of thing ever occurring again.

COOLEST THING TO PUT ON YOUR DOOR: The Mary Jane Watson poster by Joe Jusko, which, by some other freak fit of happenstance, goes on sale this month. You've seen the MARVEL ILLUSTRATED SWIMSUIT ISSUE—but here's your chance to see it as it was meant to be seen. It's so big, it takes up an entire door! If Mary Jane were a real person, it would be as big as life! The poster features the vivacious, bikini-clad MJ, relaxing beneath the comforting wash of a waterfall.

What could be cooler than that?

COOLEST CONVENTION EVENT: *Mondo Marvel*, our newest infotainment extravaganza which we've taken on the road to the major comics conventions, is a live talk show hosted by the ultracool Fabian Nicieza. It features music, famous comic writers reading from their works, audience participational contests, commercial skits for real Marvel comics, and other undignified activities. Catch it if you can!

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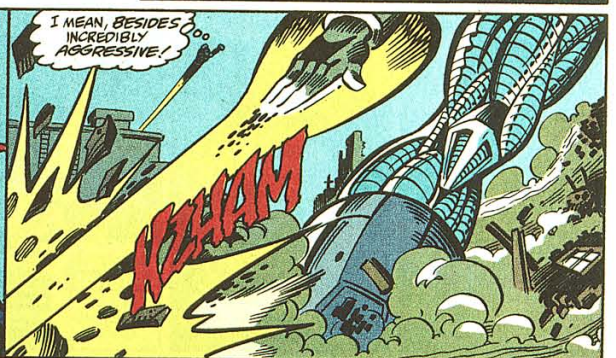
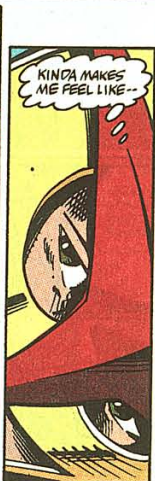
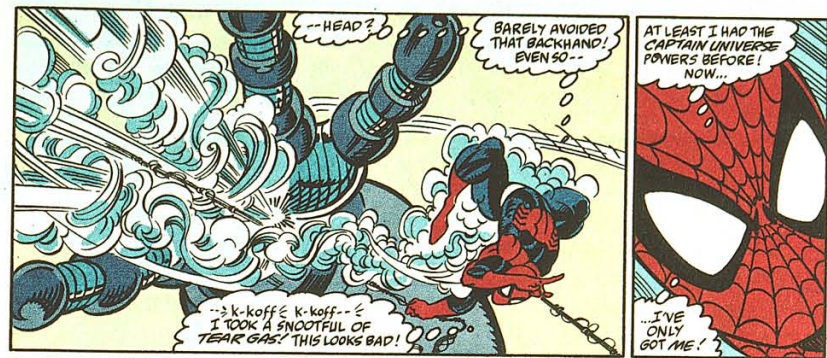


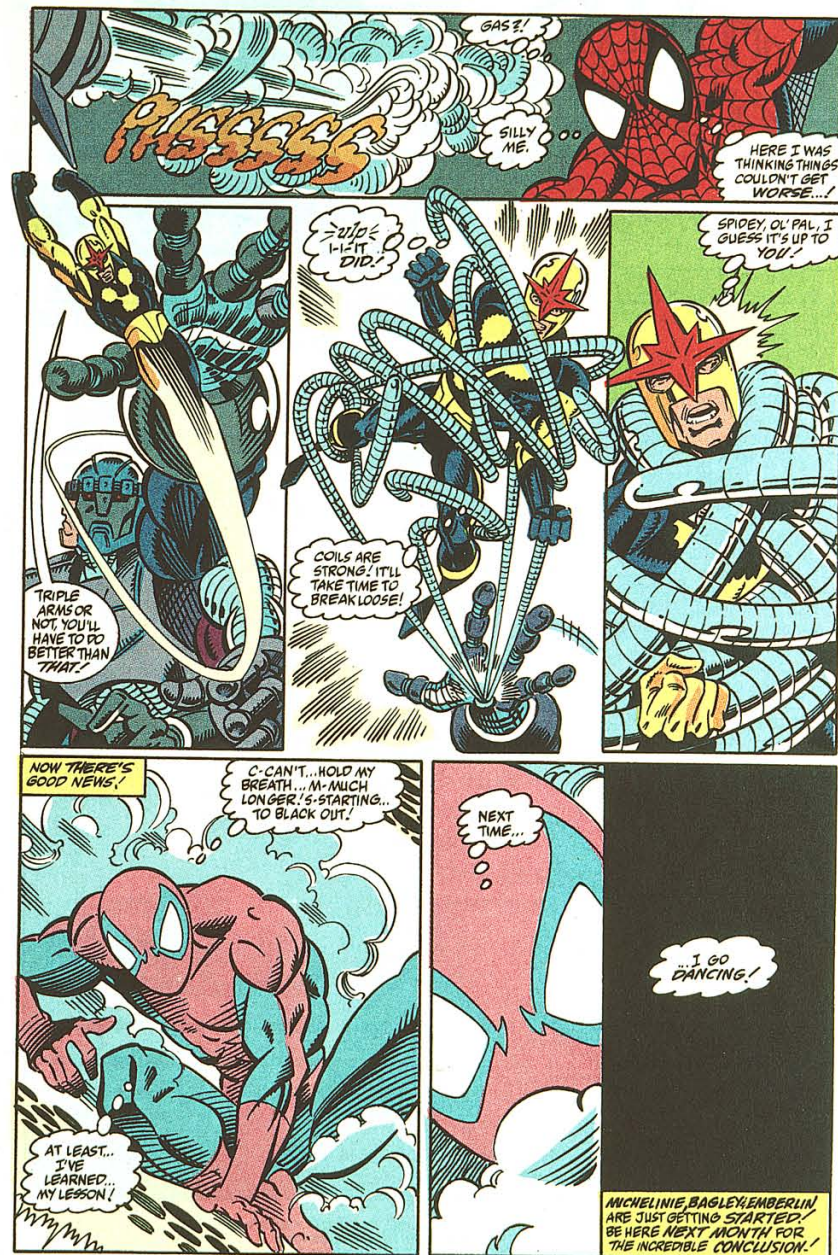
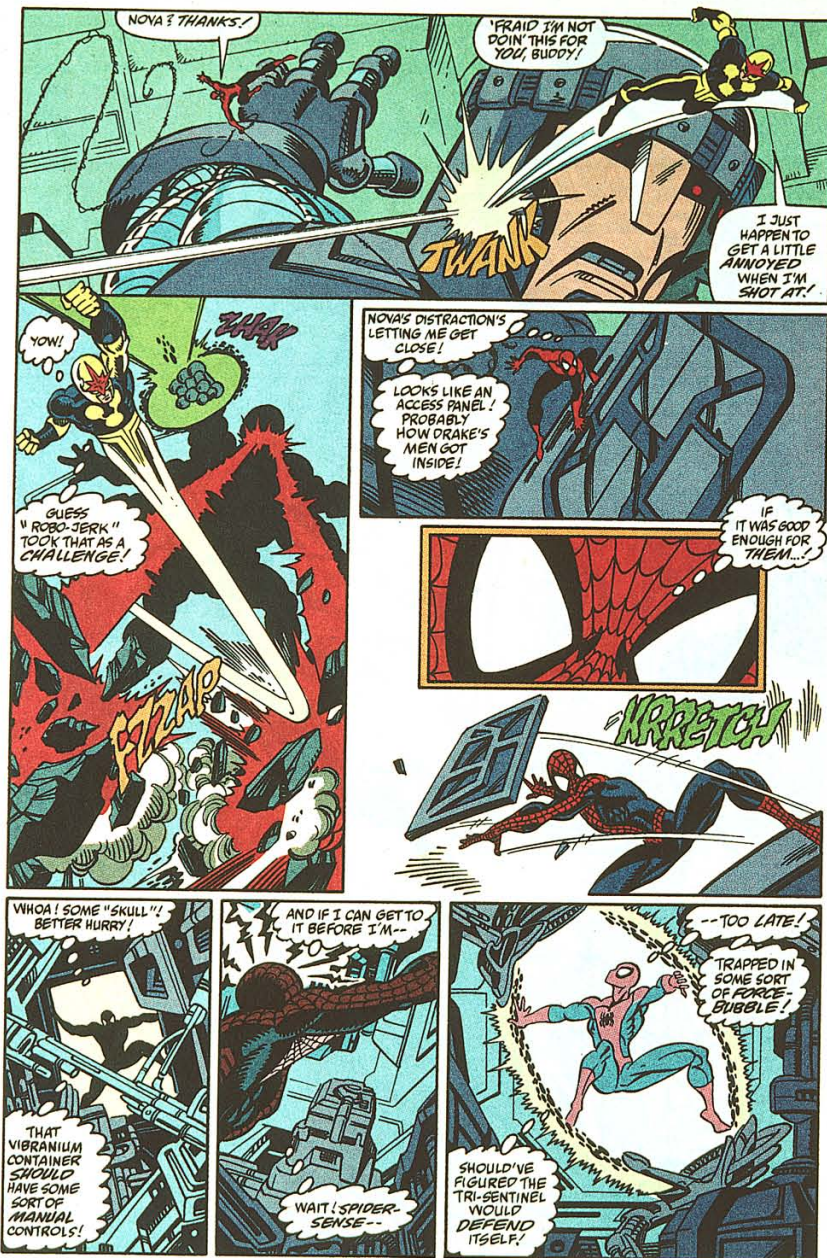
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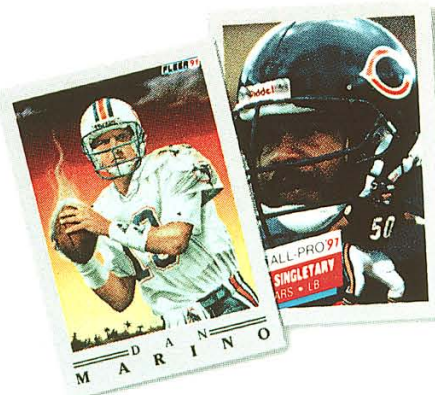
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